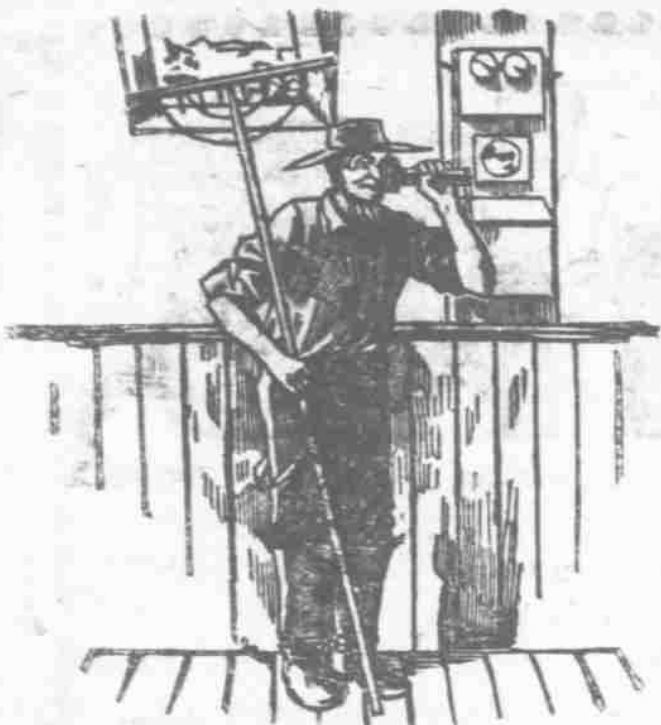


## ZEBE BILKINS, M. A.



The Major Feels Pretty Blue—A Little Romance That is not a Romance—Too Many Patriots Wantin' to be Governor—Zebek Will Flop.

R.—"Hello! Mr. Editor."  
R.—"Hello! Major. Pull the valve wide open and let her go."  
B.—"I ain't feelin' much like talkin' this mornin'. I haint bin so blue since my best gurl kicked me, which wuz exactly 32 years ago last Wednesday nite at 9 o'clock."  
R.—"What was the trouble about?"  
B.—"It wuz erbout az near nothin' as you ever heard ov—most awl courtin' troubles start erbout nothin' an' end the same way. If I had my life ter live over I wouldn't court much an' would marry less. Mean't that gurl wuz talkin' erlong purty lively an' she asked me if I believed in that Scriptural injunction whar it sed that it aint gude fer man to be alone. I wuz young an' giddy then an' tole her I believed every wurd ov it an' that if I had bin the writer I would have used stronger language. Then she lowed I orter live up ter my way ov beleevin'. I asked her if she meant any reflexshun on my dignity. She sed she didn't, but we kept talkin', one wurd bringin' on another till I got mad an' axed her if she wuzn't put out becase I hadn't popped a long time ergo. Then she got mad an' the pot biled over an' put out the fire ov luv. She sed she wouldn't marry me ter save the confedraccy, that she had never thought ov sich a foolish thing. Then she tole me ter go home an' stay there until the year 1900. I went. But in a weak moment I married Betsy an' hev bin insulted ten thousand times a year ever since."

R.—"That is a very ordinary yarn. Tell me what you are so blue about now."

B.—"Ter make a long story short too many candid.ates fer guvornor are bobbin' up ter suit me. My dymakrat friends are not standin' by melike they orter. They are runnin' Maj. Gurthrie, Tom Settle, Judge Russell an' others fer the Populists an' Republicans an' they are trottin' out erbout a hundred fellers fer the dymakartick nomernashun. They aint no fair:as in this way ov doin'. I see they are boomlin' Judge Armfield, Ex Gov. Jarvis, Tom Mason, John R. Webster, Ed Chambers Smith, Lee Overman, Will X. Coley, Col. Al Fairbrother, J. P. Cook, Henry London, Jim Pou, an' purty nigh every blamed voter we've got in the State. Now if they will nomernate me I don't mind them sendin' Tom Jarvis eround az conductor ter umpire the game, but I'll bolt the ticket if they nomernate anybody except me. I'll smash the machine, too, fer I'm the Tammany Hall, tiger an' awl in this State. I mean business. I know lots ov dymakrats who have got offices by flirtin' with the Populists an' scarin' the party leaders. I'm goin' ter try the same game. I've done cum out fer the free coinage ov silver an' I'll swaller awl the other Populist nonsense before I'll be beat at my own game. Look out! I'm purty nigh ready ter flop. Awl ov you git ready fer the shock. Gude-bye."

Meadows says he will make things lively at the Capitol this season.

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## \$38,000,000 OF IDLE MONEY.

The associated bankers of New York city hold over \$38,000,000 of idle money. A more effective answer than this to the statement that there is not enough money in the country to do the business can hardly be imagined.—Charlotte Observer.  
Well, what is this money doing there? How does it all go there? Suppose you wanted some money; don't you see the associated banks can dictate the terms on which you can have it? Now, you just stop talking so much and pitch in and help us inaugurate a system by which the "associated banks" cannot acquire this power. You stop standing up for banks and goldbugs—Wilming-ton Dispatch.

## CHATHAM PICNIC.

Two Thousand People Listen to Fine Speeches and Partake of a Sumptuous Picnic Dinner.

August 1st about 2,000 people gathered at Rialto, Chatham county, to hear reform measures discussed and to enjoy a day of social pleasure. Congressman Strowd, assisted by Ex State Senator Atwater, acted as master of ceremonies. These two genial gentlemen, their hearts kindled with good cheer, made the occasion a pleasant one to all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Promptly at 11 o'clock Congressman Strowd called the vast assemblage to order, and after explaining the absence of Senator Butler, who was expected to be present, introduced, in a few well chosen words, Maj. W. A. Guthrie. Major Guthrie is one of North Carolina's most forcible and eloquent speakers, and he held his audience deeply interested for nearly two hours and a half.

Congressman Strowd responded to the calls of the crowd, and made a short but eloquent appeal to his hearers to stand by the reform movement. He was frequently lustily applauded.

One of the pleasantest features of the occasion was the dinner, which was served immediately after Congressman Strowd finished his speech. The ladies were present in great numbers, and the sumptuous feast, of which 2,000 people partook, was the work of their hands. Every one of the vast crowd was filled to satiety, and each, as he left the table, voted the ladies of Chatham the finest cooks in the State.

After dinner that eloquent speaker, Rev. P. H. Massey, addressed the people on the grand work of the Farmers' Alliance. His speech was vociferously applauded from beginning to end.

Short talks were made by Railroad Commissioner Wilson and Hal W. Ayer, editor of the Caucasian.

The singing and guitar music furnished by Mr. Sid Herndon, was a pleasant feature of the day.

Thanks for the success of the picnic are due brothers Atwater, chairman, and R. J. Bolling, Secretary of the Committee on Arrangements.

Don't fail to have a load of tobacco at the Capitol on August 22d and 23d.

## UN-"SOUND MONEY" MEN.

The Keystone National Bank, West Superior, Wis., has been closed by a bank examiner. Its affairs are said to be in a very un-"sound" condition.

The bank at Mexico, Mo., has been closed by a bank examiner, who says 40,000 "sound dollars" are missing. The Christian Barbee Drug Company, Roanoke, Va., assigned on the 6th. Liabilities about \$6,000.

The Rocky Mountain Savings Bank, Denver, Col., got struck by the wave of "returning prosperity," and went the way of many other "sound money" banks last week. James A. McGregor, Elin, Tenn., manufacturer of staves, assigned just after the wave of "returning prosperity" struck him. Liabilities 35,000 "sound" dollars, mostly due banks. The Citizen's State Bank, South Sioux City, Iowa, a "sound money" bank, is closed. Liabilities 20,000 "sound" dollars; assets 13,000 "sound" dollars.

Hearst, Dunn & Co., manufacturers of farm implements, Peoria, Illinois, assigned Thursday. Liabilities \$123,000. The wave of "returning prosperity" did it. The prosperity wave isn't particular about who it knocks down. Smith & Wall, Madison, N. C., assigned last week. Liabilities about 2,500, "sound" dollars.

L. E. Wright & Co., dry goods, Oxford, N. C., were struck by the wave of "returning prosperity. They assigned. Liabilities \$17,000.

## MEETING OF STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

August 21st and 22d are the days set apart for a general convention, and social experience meeting of the horticulturists and florists of the State. The meeting will be held at Greensboro, N. C. A tent in a beautiful park near the depot has been provided. The success of these societies is of interest to every Carolinian. They are the State's best immigration societies. We invite every lady and gentleman in the State interested in fruit or flower culture to come and meet with us. No premiums are offered this year, but specimens of noteworthy and especially new varieties of fruits and flowers are desired for exhibition. These will be examined by qualified committees of the societies and if found worthy will be awarded certificates of merit.

Reduced hotel rates, \$1.50 per day, will be given and the railroads entering Greensboro will give the usual special round trip rates. Eminent speakers are expected to be present and papers will be read by ladies and gentlemen from different parts of the State. J. V. LINDLEY, President State Horticultural and Floricultural Societies.

## YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE.

The last three months have been the dullest months ever experienced in this country. It is natural that newspapers would experience a full share of it. We have made sacrifices and carried over some of our subscribers while they were at work in the crops. We hope every one will now find some way to pay a part or all of their subscriptions at once. Delays are dangerous. We must have money. The work of weeding out the names of those who are behind will soon begin. We don't want to cut your name off, but unless you can pay something that unpleasant duty will have to be performed.

We hope our agents and club raisers will renew their efforts now. Subscribers can be secured. Remember that now is the time to make converts for the reform cause, and the cheapest and best way is to get a good paper into every home in the land. Let the "old guard" come forward. Work!

Dr. Meadows, the "Farmer's Friend," will be glad to see the farmers when they come to Raleigh.

## SOME SOUND OLD MONEY.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. KING, Coryell Co., Texas.

I write to say to you that I have in my possession an old bill of money that reads thus: "North Carolina Currency, No. 1198, Eight Dollars. By authority of Congress, at Halifax, April 2d, 1776," and has in the lower left-hand corner a lithograph picture of panther or leopard cat. It has been officially signed, but it is so dim that the names cannot be made out. I wish you to advertise the bill in your valuable paper, and if anyone has another bill of the same kind let them advertise it, and I want to know if old money dealers would buy the bill. Send me a copy of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER having the article in it.

A. T. BURKS.

## CHATHAM COUNTY.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

Brother S. L. Herndon, Lecturer of Chatham County Farmers' Alliance, will address the Sub Alliances of the county as follows:

Moncure,	Aug 20
Rocky River,	" 21
Asbury,	" 22
Goldston,	" 23
Fair Promise,	" 24
Bear Creek,	" 27
Flint Ridge,	" 28
Rosa,	" 29
South Fork,	" 30
New Salem,	" 31
Riggsbee's Store,	Sept. 1

The public is cordially invited to be present at all these appointments.

I will be present in the interest of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the Caucasian and other reform papers.

J. E. SPENCE

## PICNIC IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

There will be an Alliance picnic and speaking at Mount Carmel on the last Thursday in August, to which the public are invited. Come and bring well filled baskets and spend the day with us. Prominent speakers will be invited by the committee.

W. H. DAVIS,

Sec'y Mt. Carmel Alliance.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS.

There will be meetings at Lumberton August 16th and 17th, Rockingham August 19th and 20th, Wadesboro August 21st and 22d, Monroe 23d and 24th, Dallas August 26th and 27th, Lincolnton August 28th and 29th, Shelby August 30th and 31st, Rutherfordton September 3d and 4th, to which all the farmers of the county are earnestly invited.

The Commissioner of Agriculture will be assisted in the meetings by Professors Massey, Irby and Emery, of the Agricultural College and State Agricultural Experiment Station, and subjects of practical interest to farmers will be presented, and a full discussion of all topics be open to all present.

Come out and let us have full and useful meetings—no politics of any sort—but only practical farm and garden matters. S. L. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Agriculture.

## OPENING SALES.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer.

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## ALLIANCE AND CO-OPERATION.

There is renewed interest manifested in this country in Alliance matters—especially in the co-operative features of the organization. The next County Alliance will be held at Poplar, where the Alliance has established a co-operative store, in a large two-story building recently erected by the members for that purpose. The upper story is used for a hall, while the ground floor is occupied by the store.

This office has just printed 1,000 certificates of deposit, or checks, which will be used as a "circulating medium" by the members. The certificates are so arranged that by the use of a punch they can be made to represent any sum from one cent to \$999. There is no danger of their being counterfeited. While they are not a "legal tender" for all debts, both public and private, they are received by the co-operation, or exchange, in payment for merchandise, services or debts and dues to the same, and are based upon and secured by the property belonging to or in the keeping of the organization.

The system will prove a great convenience to the association in these stringent times, as those having produce to dispose of and desiring to purchase goods will accept these checks, thereby dispensing with the necessity of patronizing the usurers to that extent.

If this system should be adopted throughout the entire country it would lessen the demand for money to the extent of many millions of dollars, and very materially lessen the purchasing power of the money loaners' dollars, thereby saving to the producers a large portion of the product of their labor.

The Alliance should take hold of this matter and educate the masses along this line.

If the producers of this country would unite in erecting or purchasing a mill, so as to free themselves from the flour combine, it would be the means of not only saving the exorbitant profits secured from them by the milling companies, but save thousands of dollars annually, now paid as freight to the railroad company or both the wheat exported and the flour imported.

There is no good reason why the farmer should sell his wheat and buy his flour. They should own the mill where they could take their wheat and have it converted into flour, without having to pay a sum representing this exorbitant profit, freight and the cost of sacking their flour.

Seventy-two cent wheat and four dollar flour is one of the many small items of loss which is to day bankrupting the average farmer of the San Joaquin valley.

It is high time farmers were getting down to something practical, and do a little thinking as well as business, on their own behalf. It is time they were something more than mere machines to grind out wealth for the drones who "tol not, neither do they spin."

Let every farmer, whether an Allianced man or not, investigate this matter and, if possible, secure united action in their own interest.

The columns of this paper are open to any suggestions in regard to this matter. By a thorough discussion of it we believe much good can be accomplished.—Tulare, Cal., Citizen.

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